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PROJECT STATUS DESCRIPTION

SECTION I: DESCRIPTION OF OVERALL PROJECT PLAN

3G RNC/MSC/GGSN/SGSN PLUS 4G EPC

In order to launch this system, the necessary 3G and 4G core network needed to be completed and turned operational. This system totals roughly \$3.4 million in network core equipment, which will be shared across all 6 census tracts granted funding to Union Telephone Company in the FCC 901 Mobility Fund.

The core is located in Cheyenne, Wyoming and is fed via dual OC12 networks, giving full redundancy and capacity to support all tower sites related to this project and other network growth on the Union Wireless network. Additional OC12's are already planned as demand increases and also to provide carrier diversity in case of an outage on one particular carriers' network.

STATUS - This portion of the project is complete. Please refer to Section II for more details on the status of the network deployment.

MIDDLE MILE BACKHAUL

In addition, Union is upgrading its middle mile capabilities in key sections of Wyoming that will allow adequate backhaul facilities to its new 3G and 4G network core.

The first of these upgrades is located in Carbon County, WY between the towns of Hanna and Saratoga. This project connects two new service providers and allow connectivity into several key remote offices within Union Telephone Company's network.

STATUS – This portion of the project is complete. Please refer to Section II for more details on the status of the network deployment.

The second middle mile upgrade was determined to be necessary after 3G/4G deployments in and around the FCC Mobility Fund Phase I deployments starting becoming accessible to consumers. The steep uptake in data services required further upgrades from Rawlins north to the towns of Casper and Riverton to maintain the long-term data speed requirements across all six census tracts as required by fund.



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CARBON WY-1 (T56007968000) 4G HSPA+

This is by far the largest single undertaking and largest funding tract in Union Telephone Company's overall project. This census tract is split in two areas, with the east being the communities of Saratoga, Encampment and Ryan Park while the west is Medicine Bow Routt National Forest. This project consists of six overlays on existing Union Telephone facilities and five new site deployments. After completing the overlays near the communities, an additional overlay was added to the project at an existing Union Telephone central office to facilitate greater capacity and data speeds for the rural consumer.

TYPE OF BACKHAUL – Given the remote nature of sites in and around Wyoming, Union Wireless is using licensed microwave wherever feasible and unlicensed microwave if no available licenses are capable of being obtained. We are targeting at least 25 Mbps of IP backhaul to each cell tower.

SPECTRUM – In this market, we are using 850 MHz Spectrum. All 850 MHz sites fall within existing CGSA boundaries and Union do not affect existing filings, as the intention is to keep GSM fully operational alongside UMTS.

KEY RISKS OR CHALLENGES - Given that this is by far the largest cluster geographically and in manner of funding, Union Wireless is taking a staged approach to completing this project. By first deploying the network on the 6 overlay sites, Union Wireless is ensuring that the area gets covered adequately.

For the new sites located primarily within the Medicine Bow Routt National Forest, our goal is to site the towers to ensure the least impact to the National Forest, while still meeting the requirements on performance and coverage along the eligible roads. Discussions with the USFS representatives have led to questions about roads shown in the tiger road maps that have been decommissioned or to which the USFS no longer allows public access. The USFS has also expressed interest in testing locations for adequate coverage prior to pursuing permanent installations.

Union Telephone Company has also determined that going after 4G speeds would also be beneficial for the cluster, as not only is the timelines related to the acquisition of sites on the Forest a bit of a concern, but the amount of wilderness and rolling terrain pose a unique challenge. Most of Wyoming has little to



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no form of ground clutter; however this region has a large population of various deciduous and coniferous trees. Combine this with the eastern portion of the cluster having a reasonable population center, by taking the 4G route, Union Wireless will be better positioned in meeting the targeted timelines for this very challenging terrain and clutter.

Union Wireless intends to utilize HSPA+ technologies initially, but will also be looking to how LTE performs in other areas and whether the lower frequencies or higher frequencies do well with the varied clutter.

STATUS – This portion of the project is in construction and deployment. Please refer to Section II for more details on the status of the network deployment.

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PROJECT STATUS DESCRIPTION

SECTION III: PROJECT BUDGET STATUS

Overlay Sites

- 5 each
 - New hardware Required
 - New Node B Base Station gear \$60,000 each
 - New Microwave gear for IP Backhaul \$150,000 each
 - Upgrades to tower antenna complex \$20,000 each
 - Labor to related projects \$50,000 each

Each overlay site estimated at \$300,000 cost each, total \$1,500,000 capital contribution

New Sites

- 5 each
 - o New hardware Required
 - Tower installation
 - Leasing, zoning, permitting costs \$65,000 each
 - Tower site construction \$75,000 each
 - Tower Steel \$45,000 each
 - Lines, antennas, generators \$50,000 each
 - New Node B Base Station gear \$60,000 each
 - New Microwave gear for IP Backhaul \$50,000 each
 - Upgrades to tower antenna complex \$5,000 each
 - Labor to related projects \$50,000 each

Each overlay site estimated at \$400,000 cost each, for a \$2,000,000 total capital contribution for new sites.

Other related projects include 1 fiber to the site backhaul upgrade which will cost roughly \$350,000.

This totals roughly \$3.85 million in capital costs related to the build out.

Union is projecting incremental operating expenses for this site over 5 years to be \$4.29 million.

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BUDGET STATUS -

Total Support Applied to Design/Construction/Deployment (Capital Contribution): \$2,143,107.73-ON BUDGET

Total Support Applied to Maintenance: \$0 - ON BUDGET